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1. WHILE WE AWAIT REPLY FROM MALIAN GOVERNMENT OF REPEATED THREATS BY PC/M EMPLOYEE AMADOU KEITA TO KILL AMERICAN STAFF, HE IS CONDUCTING BUSY CAMPAIGN AGAINST DIRECTOR BERKY VIA LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS TO PC WASHINGTON. A SMALL GROUP OF DISGRUNTLED PCV'S ARE WORKING WITH KEITA IN THIS REGARD. WHAT WE FIND DISTURBING IS EVIDENT SUPPORT AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PC WASHINGTON TO KEITA. RECORDS SHOW THREE PHONE CALLS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PC/M IN LAST THREE DAYS.

2. ON JUNE 23 MALIAN WIFE OF SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIAL TOLD DCM THAT SHE KNEW KEITA WELL BASED ON HER PRIOR EMPLOYMENT AT PC/M 1975-76. KEITA WAS DIFFICULT PERSON, SHE SAID. HE COULD NOT GO TWO DAYS WITHOUT GETTING INTO AN EMOTIONAL ARGUMENT WITH SOMEBODY. MOST OF THE PEOPLE AT PC/M WERE AFRAID OF HIM. HIS POWER DERIVED, SHE SAID, FROM FACT THAT HE HAD BEEN THERE LONGER THAN ANYBODY ELSE AND THAT HE REFERRED TO HIMSELF AS THE

DIRECTOR OF PC/M. IT WAS HER OPINION THAT KEITA WAS MENTALLY ILL.

3. ON JUNE 24 DCM, DIRECTOR BERKY, APCD DUPRAS AND PCMO DR. MILLER VISITED PC HEADQUARTERS. KEITA WAS NOT THERE. DIRECTOR BERKY TOOK CARE OF PENDING BUSINESS AND MET WITH PEACE CORPS TRAINEES. DR. MILLER INSPECTED BUILDINGS TO DETERMINE BEST SITE FOR NEW PC HEALTH ROOM. SITUATION WAS CALM.

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